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SUBJECT: APRIL 11, THE 101ST DAY OF THE OFFENSIVE

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1. SUMMARY. FANK UNITS IN THE CAPITAL'S NORTHWESTERN DEFENSIVE QUADRANT KILLED OVER 00 KC AND RESTORED A NUMBER OF POSITIONS. FANK IS MOVING AGAINST 200 INFILTRATORS JUST OVER FOUR KM NORTH OF POCHNTONG AIRPORT. TAKEO AND PREY VENG KILLED OVER 200 KC IN OPERATIONS ON THEIR PERIMETERS. THE AIRPORT TOOK TWENTY-FIVE ROCKETS AND FIFTEEN 105MM HOWITZER ROUNDS. A CIVIL AIRLINER (NOT ONE INVOLVED IN THE US AIRLIFT) CRASHED ON TAKEOFF AT POCHENTONG KILLING ITS PILOT, REPORTEDLY AN AMERICAN, AND OTHER CREW MEMBERS. END SUMMARY.

2. LATE YESTERDAY FANK HAD GOOD SUCCESS ON THE DEFENSIVE ARC FROM ROUTE 4 WEST OF THE CAPITAL AROUND TO THE EAST BANK OF THE TONLE SAP NORTH OF PHNOM PENH.
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THE 13TH BRIGADE RETOOK ITS OBJECTIVE NEAR ANG SNUOL,

KILLING 150 KC. FURTHER NORTH THE 81ST BRIGADE GOT BACK SOME POSITIONS IT LOST THE NIGHT BEFORE LAST. THE 45TH BRIGADE CALLED IN AIRSTRIKES ON A LARGE KC CONCENTRATION IN THE OPEN AD REPORTED 550 ENEMY KILLED, MOSTLY BY AIR (REFTEL). THAT SECTION WAS QUIET TODAY BUT THE 5TH BRIGADE OPERATING ON THE EAST BANK OF THE TONLE SAP RIVER NORTH OF PHNOM PENH KILLED 22 KC IN CLEARING OPERATIONS. THE ARMOR-SUPPORTED THIRD DIVISION'S 51ST BRIGADE HAS MOVED TO BLOCK THE GAP NORTH OF POCHENTONG AIRFIELD AND IS PLANNING TO ATTACK THE ESTIMATED 200 KC INFILTRATORS IN THE PENETRATION TOMORROW.

3. AT PREY VENG AN OPERATION YESTERDAY RESULTED IN 125 KC KILLED AND NINE MADE PRISONER. TAKEO FORCES KILLED 69 KC IN ACTIONS ON THE ENCLAVE'S SOUTHEAST PERIMETER. GROUND FIRE AT KOMPONG CHAM LIGHTLY DAMAGED TWO C-123'S WHICH TURNED BACK TO PHNOM PENH WITHOUT LANDING. IN BATTAMBANG, ROUTE 5 CLEARING OPERATIONS HAVE SO FAR FAILED TO REOPEN ROUTE 5 CUT WEST OF SISOPHON.

4. TWENTY FIVE ROCKETS AND FIFTEEN 105MM HOWITZER ROUNDS HIT AT THE AIRPORT AND VICINITY WITH NO REPORTED DAMAGE. A KHMER CIVILIAN AIRLINER CRASHED ON TAKE-OFF THIS MORNING. AN AMERICAN WAS REPORTEDLY AT THE CONTROLS AND DIED WITH OTHER CREW MEMBERS.
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